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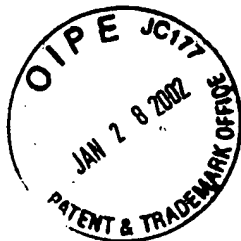
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For: **SPEECH DECODER CAPABLE OF DECODING BACKGROUND NOISE SIGNAL
WITH HIGH QUALITY**

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5. SUGAMURA et al., "Speech Data Compression by LSP Speech Analysis-Synthesis Technique", *Journal of the Electronic Communications Society of Japan*, J64-A, 1981, pp. 599-606.
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7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-244695, published September 19, 1997, with English Abstract.
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-83200, published March 31, 1998, with English Abstract.
9. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-171497, published June 26, 1998, with English Abstract.
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